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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **AMANO, Masaharu et al.**

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Examiner: **Nathan S. MAMMEN**

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For: **A BUCKET TOOTH AND PRODUCING METHOD OF SAME**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Examiner's approval of the drawing corrections indicated in red ink on the attached two (2) sheets of drawings (Figures 23(al) through 23(d2), 24(a), and 24(b)) is respectfully requested.

In Figures 23(al) through 23(d2), 24(a), and 24(b), please label such figure as "PRIOR ART", as shown in red ink.

Upon receipt of approval of the drawing corrections and a formal Notice of Allowance, a bonded draftsman will be retained and the appropriate corrections will be made.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures: Two (2) Sheets of Drawings (Figures 23(al) through 23(d2), 24(a), and 24(b) w/corrections in red ink